

In the claims:

1. (amended) A card for insertion into a receiving slot of a host computer, said card comprising:

a circuit board;

a connector electrically connected to said circuit board and adapted for electrically

connecting said circuit board to a host computer;

a housing having said circuit board mounted therein and configured to provide

access to said connector, said housing comprising a metal panel

interconnected to a plastic panel, said metal panel comprising a plurality of

tabs with barbs thereon, said plastic panel having one or more cavities

receiving said tabs; and

wherein said plastic panel at least partially envelops said barbs of said tabs to

prevent withdrawal of said tabs from said one or more cavities and thereby

interconnect said plastic and metal panels.

Cancel claims 15-17.

Add the following new claims 18-22.

--18. A card for insertion into a receiving slot of a host computer, said card being manufactured by the process comprising:

placing a circuit board within a plastic panel and a metal panel, said metal panel
having a plurality of tabs with barbs thereon, said plastic panel having one or
more cavities adapted for receiving said tabs;
inserting the tabs within said one or more cavities; and
transmitting energy to plastic around said tab such that said plastic flows at least
partially around said barbs.

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19. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is applied to said metal panel.
 20. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is ultrasonic energy.
 21. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is applied while the tabs are being
inserted into said cavities.
 22. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is applied after said tabs are inserted into
said cavities.--

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thankfully acknowledge the Examiner for his finding of allowable subject
matter in claim 15. At this time, however, Applicants wish to address the Examiner's